and global issues that shape the present international environment. The discussions covered bilateral relations, foreign security policies and preparations for the forthcoming visit of the Chinese Premier to India, later this year.

Compensation to villagers affected by bunkers

2354. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of bunKers were erected in 1971 on the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir on the land of farmers and peasants;

(b) if so, the number of bunkers in R.S. Pura and areas affected by them in each village;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither the bunkers have been dismantled nor any compensation paid to the villagers for the use of their land by bunkers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when the villagers are likely to get compensation for the use of their land?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The details are being collected from Army Authorities and Directorate General of Defence Estates and the informaton will be laid on the Table of the House.

Denial of permission to U.S. Army F-15E Strike Eagle

2355. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States Army had flown two F-15E Strike Eagle to Bangalore for flight display in February, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Aero India did not allow the flight of this aircraft; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Based on a request from the United States Air Force, two F-15E aircrafts were given permission to land at the Air Force Station

Yelahanka on 8th February, 2005. The aircrafts were on static display at Aero India from 9-13 February, 2005 after which they departed on 14th February, 2005.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does ot arise.

Enhancing fire-power, reconnaissance and surveillance of Infantry units

2356. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken, specially in enhancing the fire-power, reconnaissance and surveillance of all Infantry units in India;

(b) whether our Army Infantry units specially on our Borders are equipped with human and arms detecting sensors, battle-field surveillance radars, hand-held theremals, various types of rocket launchers and automatic grenade launchers etc.;

(c) if so, the details of those items which are imported from foreign countries and names of those foreign countries;

(d) whether Government has made any efforts to manufacture those items in our country indigenously; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Modernisation of Infantry has been accorded a high priority and it is being equipped with such weapons of fire-power and equipment of reconnaissance and surveillance as are required in its operational preparedness. The steps in this behalf include procurement of state-of-the-art weapons and equipments, transfer of technology with a view to indigenise production and procurement from domestic market.

(b) Our Infantry units are equipped with sensors, battlefield surveillance radars, hand held thermal imagers, rocket launchers and automatic grenade launchers.

(c) to (e) Ordnance Factory Board and Bharat electronics Limited are involved in manufacture and supply of certain weapons & equipments through transfer of technology from certain foreign vendors.